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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY)

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1. EMBOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED UPCOMING WCIWY ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH SOME MEMBERS OF NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE. ALSO HAVE PRESENTED THEM WITH CIOPIES OF WOMEN'S YEAR MATEIAL RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT AND USIWY CENTER.

2. WE HAVE UNOFFICIALLY EMPHASIZED OUR HOPE THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS NOT SUBORDINATED TO ANOTHER ROUND OF DEBATE ON CERDS,NIEO, AND OTHER POLITICIZED ISSUES. MEMBERS OF NORWEGIAN DELEGATION AGREE IN PRINCIPLE THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD FOCUS ON GOALS OF ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND ACHIEVING THEM FULL INTERGRATION INTO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. HOWEVER,
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NORWAY, AS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, CAN BE EXPECTED

TO TAKE A SYMPATHETIC VIEW TO SOME THIRD WORLD INITIATIVES
DEALING WITH CERDS AND NIEO.

3. THE COMPARATIVELY LARGE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION COVERS
A REPRESENTATIVE CROSS-SECTION OF NORWEGIAN SOCIETY THAT
CAN SOMETIMES BE EXPECTED TO HOLD CONFLICTING VIEWS:
NORWEGIAN DELEGATION:

DELEGATES:

REIULF STEEN, NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY,
CHAIRPERSON OF DELEGATION. MINISTER OF JUSTICE INGER LOUISE
VALLE, VICE CHAIRPERSON OF DELEGATION. JAN OSTERN, FOREIGN
MINISTRY DIVISION CHIEF.

DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES:

PARLIAMENTARY ELSA RASTAD BRATEN

ASTRID GJERTSEN

AGE RAMBERG

TORILD SKARD

AMBJORG SÆLTHUN

STATE AUTHORIZED ACCOUNTANT EVA KOLSTAD, COMMITTEE FOR
INT'L WOMEN'S YEAR.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR KARIN STOLTENBERG, DEPARTMENT OF
CONSUMER AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS.

ADVISORS:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARNFINN S. SØRENSEN, AID DIRECTORATE.
SECRETARY EVY BUVERUD PEDERSON, NORWEGIAN LABOR
ORGANIZATION.

DIRECTOR FINN LANGELAND, NORWEGIAN WORKERS COMMITTEE.

JUDGE ANNA LOUISE BEER, NORWEGIAN WOMEN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.

EDITOR BIRGIT WIIG, AID DIRECTORATE.

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CONSULTANT BJØRNAR UTHEIM, FOREIGN MINISTRY.

EMBASSY SECRETARY LIV MØRCH FINBORUD, UN DELEGATION, N.Y.

FIRST SECRETARY MEETE RAVN, FOREIGN MINISTRY

ATTACHE HERBERT LINDER, NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO.

NORWEGIAN WOMAN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES:
BERIT FRIGLAND, NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BRITA WESTEBAARD, NORWEGIAN HOUSE WIVES ORGANIZATION
LIV WESSEL, NORWEGIAN WOMENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HOLDE R. JOHANSEN, NEW FEMINISTS.

4. BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARIES OF MAIN PARTICIPANTS:

REIULF STEEN/CHAIRPERSON LABOR PARTY
BORN 16 AUGUST 1933, STEEN HAS RECENTLY BEEN ELECTED

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE GOVERNING LABOR PARTY. ACTIVE
FOR MANY YEARS IN LABOR POLITICS, HE HAS SERVED AS
SECRETARY GENERAL (1958-60) AND CHAIRPERSON (1961-64) OF
THE LABOR PARTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION, SECRETARY TO THE
PARLIAMENT'S APRTY GROUP (1964-65), DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE
IN PARLIAMENT FOR OSLO 1961-65, VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
LABOR PARTY, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS 1971-72, SINCE
1973, HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS BOARD MEMBER OF NORWEGIAN

NATIONAL BROADCASTING (NRK) AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL FOR EQUALITY (IIKESTILLINGSRADET).

2. KARIN STOLTENBERG-UNDERDIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

MS. STOLTENBERG IS AN OUTSPOKEN MEMBER OF THE LABOR PARTY. KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE US, SHE WAS AN ASSISTANT LECTURER AT ONE TIME ON US GOVERNMENT AT UC BERKELEY. SHE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN EFFORTS TO ATTRACT MORE WOMEN INTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE LABOR FORCE.

3. INGER LOUISE FALLE-MINISTER OF JUSTICE.
BORN 28 NOVEMBER 1921, MS. VALLE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE GOVERNMENT SINCE THE 1950'S. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PRICE DETERMINATION WITHIN VARIOUS MINISTRIES, UNTIL HER APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS IN 1971. SHE HAS BEEN MINISTER OF JUSTICE SINCE 1973. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY.

4. AGE RAMBERG-MEMBER OF STORTING (PARLIAMENT).
BORN 28 SEPTEMBER 1921, RAMBERG IS A TEACHER BY PROFESSION. HE TAUGHT AT VARIOUS HIGH SCHOOLS UNTIL THE MID-1960S WHEN HE BECAME ACTIVE IN LOCAL (VESTFOLD) POLITICS. HE HAS BEEN A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLES PARTY IN STORTING SINCE 1973.

4. AMBJORG SÆLTHUN -MEMBER OF STORTING.
BORN 27 JULY 1922, SÆLTHUN HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL LEAGUE SINCE 1965 AND CHAIRPERSON SINCE 1971. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN ON THE CENTRAL BOARD OF THE NORWEGIAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL SINCE 1971. SHE HAS BEEN A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENTER PARTY IN STORTING SINCE 1973.

6. ELSA RASTAD BRATEN-STORTING'S REPRESENTATIVE.
BORN FEBRUARY 1, 1918. SHE WORKED AS JOURNALIST AND EDITOR OF "WORKINGWOMEN" NEWSPAPER BEFORE JOINING TO THE GOVERNMENT IN 1959. SHE HAS HELD VARIOUS GOVERNMENT JOBS SINCE THEN AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LABOUR PARTY AND WOMAN MOVEMENT.

7. ASTRID GJERTSEN-STORTING'S REPRESENTATIVE.
BORN SEPTEMBER 14, 1928, SHE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN LOCAL POLITICS SINCE 1967. SHE HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY INVOLVED IN CONSUMER AND HOUSEWIVES GROUPS SINCE 1967. SHE WAS ELECTED AS A CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF STORTING IN 1973.

8. TORILD SKARD-STORTINGS REPRESENTATIVE.
BORN NOVEMBER 29, 1936, SHE IS FROM AN ACADEMIC BACK-
GROUND AND ADVANCED TO A UNIVERSITY LECTURER IN 1972.
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SHE IS AUTHOR OF VARIOUS BOOKS ON NORWEGIAN POLITICS
AND WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIALIST LEFT PARTY
IN NORWAY. WHE HAS BEEN A SOCIALIST LEFT MEMBER OF THE
STORTING SINCE 1973 AND THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
JUSTICE COMMITTEE.
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